

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0024] as follows:

[0024] In accordance with the detected pedal stroke, the brake ECU 8 sets a target deceleration of the vehicle, and determines the distribution of the braking force to the individual wheels, and sets the amounts of hydraulic pressure to be applied to the wheel cylinders 48FL-RR. The accumulator 38 normally stores a predetermined hydraulic pressure. However, if the hydraulic pressure detected by the accumulator pressure sensor 40 is lower ~~that~~ than a required pressure, the electric motor 34 is actuated to operate the pump 36 so as to increase the pressure. Conversely, if the hydraulic pressure is too high, the relief valve 44 is opened so as to release the hydraulic pressure to the reservoir 28.